

I am opposed to the regulation currently under consideration to mandate a 'broadcast flag' device in all television and video receiving equipment. While I recognize the legitimate needs of the media industry to stop large-scale piracy, I am not inclined to believe that a wholesale stripping of fair-use rights from the general public best serves public interest.

Given that the panel assembled to write this regulation could not even begin to agree on its value or implementation, I believe this is a premature, ill-conceived effort to staunch the whines of a single, powerful industry rather than fairly address both public and private concerns in a contentious area. This regulation is both inappropriate and unwarranted at this time. I urge you to withdraw this regulation until such time as a fair and balanced review of all the facts, with fair representation of viewer rights, can be performed.